

and the advances he made presaged for him unfading laurels.

But at length he began to complain that his eyes hurt him; they grew worse and worse and in the second winter became so inflamed that a physician was called in who pronounced their condition most serious. Had the surgeon been taken ill, Hans might have recovered, but alas! he called twice a day and in a month the boy's sight was gone forever. About the time that Hans finally lost his sight, his sister began also to complain of her eyes, and a second physician was called. He looked at the child's eyes, asked a few questions and then told the mother that the eyes were overstrained and to buy some common candles for the child to read by.

The mother tried the old fashioned tallow-dips and the child was well in three days. Hans now stands upon the street corner and plays a hand organ all the day long, but one air he resolutely refuses to play is "Lead, Kindly Light."

Moral—Tallow dips or hickory torches are far safer for children to read by than the light supplied by the Ogden and Salt Lake Light and Power company.

The Israelites had a pillar of cloud by day to guide them. That was by the mercy of Providence. Salt Lake has a similar cloud, but it is through the beneficence of the Salt Lake street car company, the Ogden and Salt Lake Light and Power company, and several other establishments that burn slack in their fireboxes.

On Sunday morning last The Tribune published what purported to be the California platform. But the plank relating to reciprocity with Cuba was eliminated. That is journalism as dishonest and dishonorable as it is contemptible, and disgraceful. When a newspaper deliberately stoops to deceive the people, it is no longer fit to be read. The plank reads:

"We most heartily commend our Senators and Representatives in Congress for their untiring zeal in behalf of every material interest of California. We declare our firm opposition to all reciprocity treaties inconsistent with the protection to American labor and in industry to which the Republican party stands pledged and especially to any reciprocity arrangement with Cuba or any other foreign country as being distrusted to the interest of the beet sugar raising, citrus and dried-fruit industries of California in which large amounts of capital have been invested under the assurance that the same would be safeguarded by the protective tariff as other industries are protected; and we further declare our opposition to any reciprocal policy other than that laid down in the Republican platform of 1900, which says: We favor the associated policy of reciprocity so directed as to open our markets on favorable terms, for what we do not ourselves produce in return for free foreign markets."

The committees are sending out invitations for campaign speakers to help whoop up the campaign. Can they, any of them, give a reasonable guarantee that it is going to be a square deal this year?

#### THIS LAND OF OURS.

There are eighty millions of people in the United States; perhaps four times eighty millions in Europe. Europe's resources are all developed; only a beginning has been made in the United States. The laborers of the United States earn and receive more wages than four times their number in Europe. The mineral products of the United States measured in money are greater than those of Europe. The United States supplies Europe with most of the cotton spun on European looms. Europe looks to the United States for a large portion of the bread and meat consumed by her people. She is beginning to draw upon the United States

for coal. Her consumption of American lumber is enormous. American manufactured goods in infinite variety are for sale in all the principal cities of the Old World. America draws from Europe's people, in most part, the young and strong—a host almost as numerous as was the Grand Army that Napoleon started for Russia with—but thus far they have all been absorbed and assimilated with our people, without jar or confusion. These few facts are sufficient to show what a disadvantage Europe labors under in her struggle to live and to hold the world's trade against such a competitor as the United States. Of course she has her works of art, her gathered treasures of a thousand years; she has some mechanical and technical schools superior to ours; she draws maybe \$100,000,000 annually from American sightseers; her personal expenses are less than those of our people; as a rule her people have more patience and severe thrift than ours; but then she keeps 4,000,000 of men all the time in her standing armies, and keeps afloat 1,500 fighting ships. She has many costly capitals and a dozen courts to support, with all their attaching nobility. Gilpin pointed out that from the apex of the Old World the rivers ran in all directions to the sea, the banks of which from the beginning have been peopled by warring races. When there is "no war there is a perpetual armed truce and the people have to support those armies." The study of the foregoing few facts ought to make any American glad that his lot is cast in a land like ours, ought to make him jealous of its blessings and its privileges, ought to make him impatient whenever he sees a man on this soil who does not hold this as the most-favored country under the sun, and who has not the patriotism to appreciate the place our country holds among the nations and the vigilance to guard her interests as he would his own family.

Senator Kearns refuses to talk politics with the newspaper boys. As Mrs. Partington would say, "That looks omniferous."

A careless dispatch says the new steamship Cedric, just launched, will draw forty-nine and one-half feet of water. Of course, that meant forty-nine and one-half feet depth of hold—from the main deck to the keel. Not many harbors could accommodate a ship drawing forty-nine feet of water. But speaking of the Cedric, which is to be of 21,000 tons, and with a carrying capacity of probably 25,000 tons, it can be seen at a glance the struggle constantly being made to reduce ocean freight. The Cedric will burn no more coal than the Lucania—half its size; it will not have any more numerous crew. It will have double the carrying capacity, and hence can profitably carry freight at half the figures of the flyer. And such a freight. It would take on the tonnage of seventeen railroad trains, each of thirty cars and each car loaded with fifty tons of freight. That would be in wheat more than 800,000 bushels, of corn 900,000 bushels, of oats 1,550,000 bushels, that approximates the size of Noah's ark and will be a much better sea boat.

Mrs. Jones, in a fit of disgust the other day, made a wish that an automatic servant girl could be invented. "Automatic?" exclaimed Mrs. Smith. "they are automatic enough now. When they strike any work they stop; they go out every afternoon and evening with the regularity of the movements of the solar system."

The many friends of C. W. Sells in this city will take pleasure in hearing of the advancement of that gentleman to the position of president of the famous Manitou & Pike's Peak railroad.

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